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CLERK: Now, Mr. President, LB 607. The E & R amendments have been adopted. The bill was then laid over. The first amendment up is offered by Senator Marvel. (Read amendment found on page 1729).

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Well then I have another one, Mr. President, offered by Senator Frank Lewis. (Read amendment offered by Lewis found on page 1729 in Journal).

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I had a request from Commissioner Eddy Robinson from the Liquor Commission saying that by virtue of 414 and its amendments it was necessary to add the \$35,000. Since I put the amendment on and this is ... I have a letter here I can read. This is for an auditor and some additional staffing. Since I put the amendment on I thought it was only right that I would come forward, if he had a staffing problem...I didn't know that before the bill passed, and ask that we add the additional \$35,000. I move my amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART. I would like to ask Senator Frank Lewis a question please. Senator, in as much as the Liquor Commission would be taking in the same number of dollars before or after the bill we passed, 414, could you explain for what reason they need the additional \$35,000? Is it temporary that ... could the state get it back? Could you tell us what it's for.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: No, it's not. I'm looking for that letter right now by the way.

SENATOR SWIGART: It was my understanding, Senator Lewis, that this bill was to expedite practicality and not have a rush of payments all at one time. It was to divide up so that the administration of this department would have their work distributed more throughout the year.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Swigart, the particular amendment I'm talking about is the amendment I put on for the special license. You recall that we put an amendment on that would allow municipalities and fraternal and religious organization to process those licensing and so forth. He needs an auditor for check control and he needs some additional clerks for that. It's not for the division of the question on the license collection every six months. The issue hand is for the administration of the special license that we put on.

SENATOR SWIGART: You're talking about additional problems unrelated to the division of payments?